

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WILLIAM J. GRADFORD,

Plaintiff,

v.

F. VELASCO, et al.,

Defendants.

1:20-cv-00543-EPG (PC)

ORDER DENYING REQUEST TO RELATE  
CASES

(ECF No. 4)

William J. Gradford (“Plaintiff”) filed the complaint in this action on April 16, 2020. (ECF No. 1). On April 27, 2020, Plaintiff requested that the case be reassigned to docket number 1:18-cv-01364-DAD-GSA, Gradford v. Guiltron. (ECF No. 4). The Court treats this request as one to relate cases under Local Rule 123.

Under Local Rule 123(a), an action is related to another “when

(1) both actions involve the same parties and are based on the same or a similar claim;

(2) both actions involve the same property, transaction, or event;

(3) both actions involve similar questions of fact and the same question of law and their assignment to the same Judge or Magistrate Judge is likely to effect a substantial savings of judicial effort, either because the same result should follow in both actions or otherwise; or

(4) for any other reasons, it would entail substantial duplication of labor if the actions were heard by different Judges or Magistrate Judges.

This action is against Deputies F. Velasco and T. Webster at the County Public Safety

Center and concerns occurrences in February and March 2020. The other action is against Deputy Guiltron, also at Stanislaus County Public Safety Center. The actions complained of in that matter occurred in 2017. *See* Amd. Compl., *Gradford v. Guiltron*, 1:18-cv-01364-DAD-GSA, ECF No. 19.

Because the actions involve different defendants, events, and facts, and it does not appear treating the actions separately will entail substantial duplication of labor, the request to relate the cases is DENIED.

The Court will screen Plaintiff's complaint in this action in due course.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 29, 2020

/s/ Eric P. Grogan  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE